

Presentation

Agenda Item #	1
Meeting Date	October 8, 2007
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Discussion Item	"Pedestrian Safety Initiatives in the Takoma/Langley Crossroads"
Background	<p>The Council will be provided an opportunity to view the presentation "Pedestrian Safety Initiatives in the Takoma/Langley Crossroads" at the beginning of its October 8 meeting. The presentation, developed by the Multi-jurisdictional Pedestrian Safety Committee in partnership with the Maryland International Corridor CSAFE program, was initially created for the "Diversity in Traffic Safety Summit" coordinated by the Maryland Highway Safety Office earlier this year.</p> <p>The presentation will be given by Mr. Erwin H. Mack, Executive Director, Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority, Inc. and Ms. Mary Kendall, CSAFE Program Director. Also in attendance will be Ms. Gretchen A Hilburger, CSAFE Community Outreach Coordinator.</p>
Policy	<p>"Accommodate local and regional traffic, while providing safe, pleasant, and convenient pedestrian and bicycle access to places people want to go."</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Takoma Park Master Plan</i></p>
Fiscal Impact	None
Attachments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Pedestrian Safety Initiatives in the Takoma/Langley Crossroads" • "What Makes Pedestrian Safety Challenging" (SHA Handout) • "The Takoma Langley Crossroads is Where:" (SHA Handout)
Recommendation	To hear the planned presentation
Special Consideration	None

WHAT MAKES PEDESTRIAN SAFETY Challenging?

- On-going Coordination, Leadership, and consensus
- You get hit in a crosswalk – marked or unmarked
- You get hit outside of a crosswalk
- Intersection or Midblock – no controls
- Lighting
- ADA
- Refuge
- I got to the shopping center – now what?
- Behavior
- Laws / Enforcement
- Good Examples / Lessons Learned

The Takoma / Langley Crossroads is Where:

- Montgomery County, Prince George's County and the city of Takoma Park come together
- Maryland District 20 and 47 meet.
- Largest pedestrian population and bus riders outside of a metro stop
- Largest El Salvadorian population resides
- 85,000 vehicles per day
- Maryland's largest seller of alcoholic beverages
- Congregations of Day Laborer's present challenges
- 10 schools within 2 miles
- Pre-literacy exists
- Multiple languages exist
- CASA exists
- MD Hot Spots / C-Safe initiative operates

